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**VISUALIZING IMPACT OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOR THE NATURAL WORLD:
JANE GOODALL AND SYLVIA EARLE LAUNCH TAPESTRY OF HOPE INTERACTIVE MAP**

Famed primatologist and oceanographer partner on new online tool with Esri at COP21 in Paris.

WASHINGTON, DC (December 7, 2015) - Today, with deep thanks to Esri, Dr. Jane Goodall and the Jane Goodall Institute are launching the Tapestry of Hope, an interactive online tool to visualize the thousands of projects led by young people around the globe who are passionate about protecting our shared environment in collaboration with oceanographer Dr. Sylvia Earle and Mission Blue.

As world leaders struggle to make progress in Paris for the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Dr. Goodall and Dr. Earle spreading their message of hope for our world, are calling on each of us to take action ourselves to protect our natural world.

Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace, Dr. Goodall, through her Roots & Shoots program, has inspired hundreds of thousands of people around the globe to take action to make the world a better place for people, animals and the environment. Together, these individual actions weave together a story of true impact — a narrative of change for what Dr. Goodall has come to call the Tapestry of Hope.

Founder of Mission Blue and TIME Magazine's first Hero for the Planet, National Geographic Society Explorer-in-Residence Dr. Earle's special focus is on inspiring the development of a global network of marine protected areas, "Hope Spots," to safeguard the living systems that provide the underpinnings of global processes, from maintaining biodiversity and yielding basic life support services to providing stability and resiliency in response to accelerating climate change. By weaving Mission Blue Hope Spots into the Tapestry of Hope, Dr. Goodall and Dr. Earle's initiatives unite to ignite action for conservation around the globe.

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“The launch of Tapestry of Hope reflects just a snapshot of the projects young leaders have led in the past several years through Roots & Shoots,” said Erin Viera, associate vice-president of Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots. “Moving forward, the map will be a critical tool to document, manage, visualize and share the actions and impacts of Roots & Shoots projects that are making a positive difference for the environment, animals and people. The map will continue to grow and populate with the launch of each new Roots & Shoots community project that young people continue to pioneer around the world.”

“Esri and the Jane Goodall Institute have collaborated on conservation programs across Africa for more than ten years now. These projects have included applications ranging from using geospatial technologies for chimpanzee behavior research in Gombe to supporting the development and implementation of conservation action plans and improving village land use using geodesign and community mapping across East Africa and Congo basin,” said Dr. Lilian Pintea, the Jane Goodall Institute’s vice-president of conservation science.

Esri technology that powers the mapping behind JGI's conservation work forms the basis of the Tapestry of Hope. The map connects the work of young people around the world with other young people who are passionately making the world we all share a better place through local projects.

In addition to documenting and visualizing the work of young people around the world, the Tapestry of Hope map serves to further Dr. Jane Goodall and Dr. Sylvia Earle’s message of hope. It brings together the critical observations, creative ideas and clever solutions of thousands of passionate young minds all working to make a difference in the world. It represents and inspires a global movement of change showing that young people care about the future of the world they are inheriting, and are taking action. It is for this reason Dr. Jane Goodall, and everyone everywhere can know there is hope for the future of our world.

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To access the Tapestry of Hope, visit storymaps.esri.com/stories/2015/tapestry-of-hope.

About the Jane Goodall Institute

Founded in 1977, the Jane Goodall Institute continues Dr. Goodall's pioneering research on chimpanzee behavior started more than 50 years ago — research that transformed scientific perceptions of the relationship between humans and animals. Today, the Institute is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. It also is widely recognized for establishing innovative community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa, and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, the global environmental and humanitarian program for youth of all ages, which has groups in more than 130 countries. For more information, visit: janegoodall.org.

About Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots

Founded in 1991 by Dr. Jane Goodall and a group of Tanzanian students, the Roots & Shoots program is about making positive change happen — for our communities, for animals and for the environment. With hundreds of thousands of young people in more than 120 countries, the Roots & Shoots network connects youth of all ages who share a desire to create a better world. Young people identify problems in their communities and take action. Through service projects, youth-led campaigns and an interactive website, Roots & Shoots members are making a difference across the globe. For more information, please visit rootsandshoots.org.

About Sylvia Earle

National Geographic Society Explorer in Residence Dr. Sylvia Earle, called a Living Legend by the Library of Congress, first Hero for the Planet by Time Magazine and 2014 Woman of the Year by Glamour, is an oceanographer, explorer, author and lecturer who has led over 100 expeditions and logged over 7,000 hours underwater. Dr. Earle is founder of the Sylvia Earle Alliance / [Mission Blue](#), a TED Prize winner and the subject of the Emmy® Award Winning Netflix documentary [Mission Blue](#).

About Mission Blue

Mission Blue is an initiative of the Sylvia Earle Alliance (S.E.A.) to ignite public support for the protection of Hope Spots—special places that are vital to the health of the ocean, the blue heart of our planet. Drawing inspiration from the vision of its founder, Dr. Sylvia Earle, the Mission Blue team is uniting a global coalition of partners to inspire an upwelling of public awareness, access and support for a worldwide network of marine protected areas. From the seamounts of the high seas to the shallow sunlit reefs, Mission Blue seeks to bring about a significant increase in ocean protection from less than four percent today to 20% by the year 2020.

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